GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF GARLIC FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to import garlic from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the names of companies which have been given licence for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding import of Chinese garlic via Pakistan

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Under the Foreign Trade Policy, no import licence is required for import of Garlic. However, under the provisions of Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 a sanitary import permit is required for its importation which is issued by Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation.In Oct., 2007 Deptt. of Agriculture allowed import of garlic from Pakistan.Details of companies which have been issued import permit for import of garlic from Pakistan are at Annexure I.

(c), (d) & (e): Import of Garlic from China and our neighbouring country was withheld in 2005 after interception of quarantine pests in garlic of Chinese origin and illegal import of Chinese garlic through neighbouring country.Recently, 14 consignment of garlic bulbs imported from Pakistan arrived in Amritsar from 5.12.2007 to 5.1.2008. On sample testing of these consignments,it was found that all these were infected with quarantine pest Dry Rot (Embellisia alli). These were recommended for deportation/destruction.